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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 4.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Mr B P Wanden
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Mrs J F G Mason
<b>Councillors</b>	Mr D A Allan
	Mr W E R Bishop
	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr T N Isaacs
	Mr S J R Jennings
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mr R R Ketu
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mrs N Brady	(Deputy Chief Executive)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
	Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
	Mr A Nelson	(Parks & Property Manager)
	Ms A Clark	(Parks & Property Lead South)
	Mrs L Baddock	(Strategic Planner)
	Ms T Hayward	(Communications Lead)
	Mrs C Ward	(Principal Policy Advisor)
	Mrs K Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms T Metcalf	(Deputy Chair, Foxton Community Board)
Ms K Kelly	(Project Director, Wellington Regional Growth Framework)

### MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Williams	(“Chronicle”)
Ms R Moore	(“Manawatū Standard”)
Mr T Frewen	(“Otaki Mail”)

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## PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were seven members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting, plus Senior Sergeants Beth Purcell and Sam Gilpin of the New Zealand Police.

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

### 1 Apologies

An apology had been received from Mr Roache, Chair of the Foxton Community Board.  
NOTED

### 2 Public Participation

9.1 Levin Adventure Park  
Charles Rudd  
Christina Paton

10.2 Adoption of Taraika Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 4  
Charles Rudd

### 3 Late Items

There were no late items.

### 4 Declaration of Interest

9.2 Adoption of Taraika Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 4  
Crs Isaacs and Jennings – because they were residents in the affected area.

### 5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

### 6 Announcements

#### New Zealand Police

Senior Sergeants Sam Gilpin and Beth Purcell addressed the meeting giving an overview of what the year, particularly with the issues that COVID-19 had thrown up, had been like for the Police in the Horowhenua – the negatives and positives.

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the work the Police did in keeping this community safe.

#### Public Participation

9.1 Levin Adventure Park

Commenting that Council had proved recently that it did care about the provision of recreational opportunities for its residents, Mrs Christina Paton said, in her view, the Park was a significant advantage for the whole district and with many years of volunteer input contributing to its establishment and success, it must not be summarily cast aside. However, she did raise that there had been no inclusion in the report of the historical, or the recently offered, lease documents to provide context.

Mr Charles Rudd, as a Muaūpoko Waitangi Tribunal Claimant, said that Council must engage with all Ngati Tara / Muaūpoko Waitangi Tribunal claimants in the Horowhenua District, not just with the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority, on this and other issues.

#### 10.2 Adoption of the Taraika Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 4

Mr Rudd raised, as he had done at a previous meeting, the use of the name Taraika in terms of whether or not the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority had the mandate to gift that name for the area and also MTA's status in terms of representing the Ngai Tara / Muaūpoko people.

#### Foxton Community Board

Updating on behalf of the Board, Ms Metcalf noted:

- Manawatū River Loop Project
  - the clean-up was going well and SORT was providing amazing drone footage of progress. Project staff and SORT members had held open days in mid-October to show the schools and Elected Members what was happening with the project.
- Holben Parade Reserve
  - she had met with Council staff plus judges for the “Green Flag Award”. If this was awarded it would be an excellent promotional opportunity for the Foxton area.
  - The Concept Plan for the Reserve Development was in the process of public consultation.
  - Officers were working towards future-proofing the conservation of the reserve by recruiting interest groups to help look after some of the maintenance of the area, eg gardening.
- Briefing 19 October 2020
  - With the Foxton Swimming Pool building not likely to last more than five years, two options had been provided – demolish the building and have outside summer use only, with a splash pad, etc, or rebuild the structure. A further option had been raised for consideration: rebuild the building and upgrade the pool area to broaden the appeal. The public were currently being asked to submit their views to Council.
  - Long Term Plan 2021-2041 – Updated growth predictions had been provided to the Board and the Board's views on community priorities sought as the top three identified were: economic development, district branding and environmental management. Within these categories, give short-term priorities and three long-term projects were identified. The Board would further workshop these ideas prior to preparing the Board's submission to the Long Term Plan.
- CCTV Cameras for Foxton Beach
  - The project was underway, with a few challenges being worked through.

## 7 **Proceedings of Committees**

### 7.1 **Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 28 October 2020**

#### **Purpose**

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 28 October 2020.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Jennings:

*THAT Report 20/493 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 28 October 2020 be received.*

*THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 28 October 2020.*

*THAT these matters or decisions are recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

With the removal of the words “and take personal responsibility” at the end of the first sentence of the second clause, 2. Health and Safety Leadership Charter, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT as recommended by the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Health and Safety Strategic Charter and Plan 2020-2023, as amended.*

**CARRIED**

## 8 Executive

### 8.1 Mayoral Report - October 2020

#### Purpose

For His Worship the Mayor to report to Council on the community events and Council-related meetings attended

AND FURTHER

To provide Councillors the opportunity to give a brief verbal update on conference/forums attended, or the activities of those organisations/groups for which they are a Council representative.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

*THAT Report 20/490 Mayoral Report - October 2020 be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

Mayor Wanden further commented:

- he had unfortunately not been able to attend the Waitārere Beach Progressive Association’s meeting on 12 October, as noted in his report;
- the morning tea for Helen Blake had been an appropriate acknowledgement for her as she left the district as she, with her late husband Collis, had been staunch supporters of Levin;
- congratulations to the Horowhenua award winners at the Business and Innovation Awards for 2020: Foxton New World, in particular for being the Business of the Year, but also acknowledging My Ride, the Baked Dane, the Shepherdess Magazine, Horowhenua College and Waiiopehu College and the Hall of Fame inductees, John Clarke and Stuart Pescini;
- Levin had been selected by Aid to Humanity, a Church group, to be a recipient of 210 goodie bags. It had been a privilege to receive those on behalf of the community and they had been distributed to a number of organisations around the district.

## 8.2 Monitoring Report to 11 November 2020

### Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

*THAT Report 20/383 Monitoring Report to 11 November 2020 be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

Page 51 20/306 – Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board – Funding for the Foxton Beach CCTV Project

The agreement was yet to be received by the CE.

20/405 – Three Waters Service Delivery Reforms/Stimulus Programme Confirmation of the Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan still awaited.

Page 50 19/199 – Development of the detailed design for a wetland at Holben Reserve

In terms of a time-line, this to be followed up as it may take a little longer with the new Government in place.

## 8.3 Chief Executive's Report to 11 November 2020

### Purpose

For the Chief Executive to update Councillors, or seek endorsement on, a number of matters being dealt with.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

*THAT Report 20/469 Chief Executive's Report to 11 November 2020 be received.*

*THAT these matters or decisions be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the attached meeting schedule for Council, the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee and Community Wellbeing Committee for the period January to December 2021 (Appendix A).*

*THAT Council notes that additional ordinary, extraordinary and multi-day meetings may be scheduled from time to time in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive.*

*THAT meeting times for other committees and subcommittees will be formally notified when they are required in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

## 9 Infrastructure Operations

### 9.1 Levin Adventure Park

#### Purpose

To discuss the implications of the Levin Adventure Park Trust's decision to disband and the consequent implications for Council involvement in the site.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Bishop:

*THAT Report 20/489 Levin Adventure Park be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

Council's Parks and Property Manager, Mr Nelson, joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries. He confirmed that there was nothing in the lease agreement that would preclude Council taking it over from the LAPT.

With the value of the Park to the district noted and also acknowledging the work done by the LAP Trustees, the various options proposed in the report were discussed in detail, as were other possible options. It was highlighted that the reason that Council in particular was looking at taking over the lease was the short time-frame for something to be negotiated on behalf of the community and also it was not possible to determine what would ultimately happen in terms of the future of that space.

With the importance of engagement with iwi in general noted, it was:

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Mitchell:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council seeks agreement from the Crown to the assignment of the lease for the Levin Adventure Park, on the proposed terms and conditions, from the Levin Adventure Park Trust to the Horowhenua District Council.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Tukapua recorded her vote AGAINST the motion and Cr Jennings ABSTAINED.

## 10 Strategy and Development

### 10.1 Ōhau and Manakau Community Plans - Adoption Report

#### Purpose

To present the Ōhau and Manakau Community Plans for Council adoption.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT Report 20/451 Ōhau and Manakau Community Plans - Adoption Report be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

Mrs Baddock and Mr McCorkindale spoke to the report and responded to queries, with Mrs Baddock saying that the process had enabled Officers to have more localised and specific conversations with those communities and they had heard from people they would not normally have heard from. In terms of timing, it had also worked out well for the LTP process. There was also a three yearly review process included in the Plans so aspects could be refined going forward, if required.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT Horowhenua District Council adopts the Ōhau Community Plan.*

*THAT Horowhenua District Council adopts the Manakau Community Plan.*

*THAT Council consider provision of funding for actions identified in the Ōhau and Manakau Community Plans as part of the development of its Long Term Plan 2021-*

2041.

*THAT the Group Manager - Customer & Strategy is authorised to correct minor errors prior to the Ōhau and Manakau Community Plans being published.*

**CARRIED**

Having declared an interest in the following item, Crs Isaacs and Jennings withdrew from the table.

## 10.2 Adoption of Taraika Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 4

### Purpose

To present the Taraika Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 4 – Taraika Growth Area (including supporting evaluation and technical information) to Council for adoption and that officers proceed with public notification of the Proposed Plan Change (PPC4 or Plan Change).

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT Report 20/473 Adoption of Taraika Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 4 be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

Speaking to the report, Mrs Baddock responded to comments made by Mr Rudd:

- the name 'Taraika' had been gifted for the area by the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority (MTA) and had been accepted through their process;
- the pronunciation and spelling of Taraika had been checked and confirmed;
- iwi engagement undertaken so far had included MTA, and approaches had been made to the Tamarangi hapu, with the door remaining open for conversations with other iwi throughout the process.

Mrs Baddock then gave an overview and background to the Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change process to date which had involved a detailed and cross-disciplined approach that had not been done in the past and was reflective of the scale of development that was being proposed. Elected Members had been briefed several times during the development process.

A draft Structure Plan for the affected area was tabled.

Mrs Baddock also noted that Crown Infrastructure Partners Funding had been obtained for this project towards infrastructure costs so it was important that the most was made of this opportunity by rezoning the land to allow a higher lot yield, which would be enabled through the Plan Change. The submission period had been extended in excess of RMA statutory minimums and would commence on 16 November and go through until 1 February 2021.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Taraika Master Plan.*

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts Proposed Plan Change 4 – Taraika Growth Area and the associated Section 32 Evaluation Report for the purpose of public notification in accordance with Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

*THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager – Customer and Strategy, in consultation with the Chair of the Hearings Committee be authorised (prior to public notification) to correct any minor errors or omissions in the text and maps of Proposed Plan*

*Change 4 and the associated Section 32 Evaluation Report.*

*THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager – Customer and Strategy is authorised to correct minor errors prior to the Taraika Master Plan being published.*

*THAT officers be authorised to proceed with public notification of Proposed Plan Change 4 – Taraika Growth Area, in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

**CARRIED**

Crs Isaacs and Jennings rejoined the table.

Mr Clapperton withdrew from the table and the meeting (5.43 pm) with Deputy Chief Executive, Mrs Brady, assuming the Reporting Officer's Chair.

### **10.3 Draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the report is to present the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework (The Framework) for endorsement and community consultation.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

*THAT Report 20/485 Draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

Mrs Ward and Mr McCorkindale were joined at the table by Ms Kim Kelly, Project Director – Wellington Regional Growth Framework, with Mrs Ward reiterating the salient points in the report.

Ms Kelly then expressed her thanks to Council staff for their very active and enthusiastic engagement in this process.

Mayor Wanden said this was another significant step in the history of the Horowhenua, as in effect being acknowledged as partners in the Wellington Regional Framework spoke volumes for the work being done and things happening in the district.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

*THAT Council notes the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework is the result of a partnership between Central Government, Local Government and tangata whenua in the Greater Wellington-Horowhenua region.*

*THAT Council notes the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework is generally consistent in content and structure to other spatial plans being developed in accordance with the Government's Urban Growth Agenda.*

*THAT Council notes that a 'public consultation friendly' version of the Framework document (smaller and more concise) will be developed for the public consultation in 2021 and that an example of what this might look like is included as **Attachment C**.*

*THAT the Draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework attached as Attachment A and associated community consultation materials attached as Attachment C be endorsed for public consultation.*

**CARRIED**

Mr Clapperton rejoined the meeting (5.48 pm).



**11 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.*

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:*

**C1 Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 16 September, 7 and 14 October 2020**

<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>	<i>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</i>	<i>s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

5.48 pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

5.58 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....